

# Collections Discovery Room Opens In Visitor Center

Did you know that the Park holds collections of books, oral histories, sea chanteys, photographs, letters, diaries, logbooks, maps, tools, toys, folk art and paintings that can expand your understanding of Pacific Coast maritime history? Do you know that these collections (and a library) are available for you to use and are located in Building E in Fort Mason Center?

The new Collections Discovery Room, which is located in the Visitor Center, is a portal where visitors can find out more about the park's rich collections and how to use them to learn more about maritime people and events. Visitors are invited to sit in comfortable chairs and browse maritime books and periodicals — a sample of what is found at our library in Building E. With charts and maps visitors can explore oceans, bays, and rivers.

Tables provide space to open gray archival boxes and read other people's mail, diaries, logbooks, letters, vessel plans, and photographs, while learning different ways to probe these "primary sources." Because these are copies, and dust-free, nobody will sneeze. People can also learn how to get copies from our holdings stored at Building E. By studying the "stuff" of everyday lives, visitors can better understand the everyday life of sailors, captains, builders, longshoremen, fishermen, and whalers. The everyday objects from everyday folks in our collections include tools, toys, folk art, paintings, equipment, and models.

Put on headphones at the Seafaring Sound Station and listen to sea stories, folklore, oral histories, songs, and chanteys. Go surfing for information on West Coast maritime history in the park's online guides and catalogs on the computer workstation. Kids can read children's books in the Children's Activity Zone and learn by playing with puzzles and other educational toys.



A young patron does some fishing in the Children's Activity Zone, located in The Collections Discovery Room.

Photo, top: A variety of images from the collections includes paintings, artifacts, charts, photographs, letters, books and vessel plans.

Collections staff will offer programs on why maritime history matters and why we collect and preserve archives and artifacts. Librarians, archivists, curators, and conservators will talk about understanding the past through the library, archives and museum artifact collections. We'll also show the public how to access and research the collections and how to preserve personal collections.

All of the resources in the Collections Discovery Room will change and grow over time so that there will always be something new to discover. Please call the Library reference desk to check on the hours the Discovery Room is open and to ask questions about the collections, 415-561-7030.

## Welcome!

In 1988, San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park was created. As part of that process, enabling legislation was drafted that stated the primary mission of the park.

That mission includes the preservation and interpretation of the nation's Pacific Coast maritime heritage, including the history of the trades, technology and traditions of the peoples who lived on or through the sea.

Perhaps just words on paper, but they are ones we return to again and again as we manage the park. These words help us to continually create ways for our visitors to interact with their maritime heritage.

This fall please stop by the newly-opened Collections Discovery Room in the Visitor Center. There you can listen to sea stories and oral histories, look at historical maps and charts, and read diaries and sea logs.

Visit the *between* deck of the *Balclutha* where an interactive exhibit about the cargos she carried, and the people who worked on her, is unfolding.

Attend a Sea Music Concert and experience the unique camaraderie of singing with others.

See you at the park.  
Kate Richardson  
Superintendent



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## 2 Sea Music Concert Series

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## 4 Boatload of Maritime Activities for Children

Sailors' crafts, traditional music, sail raising and a shipshape Junior Ranger Program — fun for all ages, but especially for kids and families.

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**U.S. Department of the Interior**

**San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park**

Established in 1988, San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park encompasses only 34 acres, but contains the most national historic landmarks of any unit in the National Park Service. In addition to the fleet of ships at Hyde Street Pier, the park includes the Aquatic Park Historic District (Maritime Museum, urban beach, picnic area and bocce ball courts), a Visitor Center and a research library (in Fort Mason Center).

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## Online Research

Over 19,000 catalog records of park museum objects and archival collections can be accessed on the National Park Service Web Catalog ([www.museum.nps.gov](http://www.museum.nps.gov)). Brief entries provide the object name (or collection title), catalog number and a digital image (when available). Most of the park’s library collections (85%) can be searched as part of the NPS library catalog ([www.library.nps.gov](http://www.library.nps.gov)). The park has also uploaded a number of finding aids (guides to collections) to the Online Archive of California database ([www.oac.cdlib.org/](http://www.oac.cdlib.org/)), which provides access to finding aids posted by all California repositories.

## Visitor Information

### Dates and Hours of Operation

The **Hyde Street Pier**, located at Hyde and Jefferson Streets, is open 9:30AM-5:00PM—last entry at 4:30PM (October 17-May 30), and 9:30AM-5:30PM—last entry at 5PM (Memorial Day-October 16).

The **Maritime Museum** (Aquatic Park Bathhouse Building), located on Beach Street at the foot of Polk Street, is open 10:00AM-5:00PM, year-round.

The **Visitor Center**, located at the corner of Hyde and Jefferson Streets, is open 9:30AM-5:00PM (October 17-May 30) and 9:30AM-7:00PM (Memorial Day-October 16).

The **Maritime Library**, located on the third floor of Bldg. E in Fort Mason Center (auto entrance at Buchanan Street and Marina Blvd), is open 1:00PM-8:00PM Tuesdays, 1:00PM-5:00PM Wednesday-Friday, and 10:00AM-5:00PM Saturdays.

### No-Fee Areas

Visitor Center, Hyde Street Pier, Aquatic Park Historic District (including the Maritime Museum) and the Maritime Library (Fort Mason Center).

# 2005 Sea Music Concert Series

The Sea Music Concert Series returns to Hyde Street Pier this fall featuring performers from England and the East Coast of the United States.

Now in its seventeenth year, the concert series continues the musical tradition of San Francisco Maritime, bringing together performers and audiences to enjoy the rich heritage of sea music. These three evening concerts aboard the historic ship *Balclutha* promise to include elegant instrumentals on guitar, banjo and concertina, sailors’



**Richard Grainger**  
**Saturday, October 15**  
**8:00pm**

songs, traditional ballads and working chanteys.

This year’s performers include Richard Grainger, from the northeast coast of England, Gordon Bok, who grew up in Camden, Maine, and Jeff Warner, whose musical interests range from the Outer Banks of North Carolina to New England.

All concerts are presented at 8:00pm at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park aboard the historic vessel *Balclutha*,



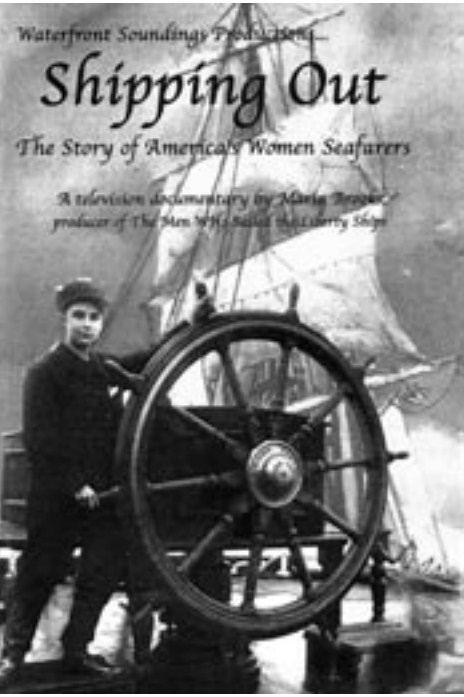
**Gordon Bok**  
**Saturday, November 12**  
**8:00pm**

moored at Hyde Street Pier at Fisherman’s Wharf.

Tickets for each performance are \$14. A money-saving season ticket is also available for \$39. For tickets call 415-561-6662 x33 or contact the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association at P. O. Box 470310, San Francisco, CA 94147-0310. Tickets are also available at the Maritime Store, 2905 Hyde Street, 415-775-2665. For more information go to [www.nps.gov/safr/concert.html](http://www.nps.gov/safr/concert.html)



**Jeff Warner**  
**Friday, December 9**  
**8:00pm**



Maria Brooks, a filmmaker, whose latest work, *Shipping Out: The Story of America’s Women Seafarers*, is a sixty-minute video documentary that tells the little-known history of women and seafaring in America. For more information call, 510-451-9226.

A preview of the film is currently showing daily in the park’s Visitor Center (corner of Jefferson and Hyde streets) between 1:00pm and 4:00pm. Several other short films about the park’s historic vessels are also presented.



## Hey Ranger!

One of the most frequently asked questions of park rangers on the Hyde Street Pier is why do we refer to ships as “she?”

In his book, *Origin of Sea Terms*, John G. Rogers addresses the question and says that, “...it all appears to be happy guesswork.” He states, “A ship upon which one’s life could depend was as near and dear to a sailor as his wife and mother.” *Balclutha* rigger Chris “Tarbrush” Jannini certainly agrees, “When I’m on the water, my ship is everything; I keep her safe so she’ll keep me safe.”

Longtime docent Ray Witter believes that ships have “definite personalities.” He

adds, “They can be cantankerous and difficult to deal with. Sometimes they don’t do what you want them to do.” John Rogers observed something similar when he wrote that, “A ship is as capricious, demanding and absorbing as a woman.”

Rodgers also notes that the Greek goddess of navigation was Minerva, and in her honor all Greek ships were considered as feminine.

Ranger Tom Jares observed, “When people first started to fish for a living, they thought of the sea as a mother because it provided for their sustenance. When they started to build ships to sail upon the sea, it naturally followed that they thought of their ships in the feminine as well.”

Maybe it is all “happy guesswork” but the best observation of all might be the one made by Fleet Admiral Chester A. Nimitz, “A ship is always referred to as she because it costs so much to keep one in paint and powder!”

By Kathryn Harrison, Park Guide  
SF Maritime National Historical Park

### Boarding Pass (Entrance Fee For Historic Vessels): \$5.00

Free for supervised children under 17. Free with National Parks Pass, Golden Age/Access Pass or Park Annual Pass.

### Reservations/Permits

Reservations for school groups and other educational groups must be made at least two weeks prior to your visit. At least one month’s notice and application for Special Use Permits is required. Filming permits are arranged on an individual basis.

### Contact Information

General Park Information: 415-447-5000  
Maritime Store: 415-775-2665  
Maritime Library: 415-561-7030

USS *Pampanito*: 415-775-1943  
Park Website: [www.nps.gov/safr](http://www.nps.gov/safr)  
Association Website: [www.maritime.org](http://www.maritime.org)



# Music, Tours, Events, Living History and Classes

## MUSIC

**2005 SEA MUSIC CONCERT SERIES**  
*October, November, December. Presented aboard the historic ship Balclutha. For more information see article at left.*

**CHANTEY SING**  
*Saturdays, October 1, November 5 and December 3, 8PM-MIDNIGHT. No fee. Aboard the historic vessel Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier. Reservations required: call 415-556-6435 or email peter\_kasin@nps.gov.*  
Sing traditional working songs aboard a historic floating vessel. Bring a mug for hot cider served from the ship's galley.

**MUSIC OF THE SEA FOR KIDS**  
*Saturdays, October 15, November 19 and December 17, 2PM. Aboard Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission (under 17 free).*  
History comes alive for kids in this special program, where the songs are geared for younger ears and chosen especially for fun. Ages 5 and up.

**A SINGING TOUR OF BALCLUTHA**  
*Sundays, November 6 and December 4, NOON. Aboard Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission.*  
Walk the decks of this 1886 sailing ship to locate places where shipboard songs were sung. Optional: help turn a capstan and a bilge pump while singing along.

## HOLIDAY EVENT

**CHRISTMAS AT SEA**  
*Saturday, December 10, 3:00PM. Aboard the historic vessels at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission (under 17 free). For information call 415-447-5000.*  
Bring the whole family down to Hyde Street Pier for an old fashioned holiday. Music, refreshments, ornament-making and a visit from Santa will be part of the fun. Beginning at 5PM the park's costumed Living History players will present a special holiday program aboard the ships.

## PROGRAMS

**ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS: A SAILOR'S LIFE**  
*Saturday, October 22, 1:30PM-2:30PM. Meet at Hyde Street Pier entrance. No fee.*  
Learn a little about life at sea and then make a signal flag necklace! For kids of all ages. For more details, see the "Fun and Education for Younger Sailors" section on the back page.

**PLEASURE AFLOAT**  
*Sundays, November 20 and December 11, 2PM. In the Visitor Center. No fee.*  
Join a ranger-led tour of our small craft exhibit, "What's Your Pleasure, Recreational Boats of California." Learn about hydroplanes, duckboats and more.

**TO THE GOLD FIELDS BY SEA**  
*Sundays, October 30 and November 27, 2PM. In the Visitor Center theater. No fee.*  
Meet in the Visitor Center theater to view slides of San Francisco's 1849 Gold Rush transformation.

**BORN AGAIN: THE MANY LIVES OF THE SCHOONER C.A. THAYER**  
*Sundays, November 20 and December 18, 3PM. In the Visitor Center theater. No fee.*  
Adapting to multiple careers, the C.A. Thayer has survived for more than a century. Learn how the restoration of this 1895 West Coast schooner will preserve not only the vessel itself, but also a variety of vanishing maritime traditions.

**EUREKA ENGINE ROOM TOUR**  
*Saturdays, October 22 and November 19, 2PM. Meet on Eureka's gangway. Vessel admission.*  
Tour Eureka's engine room and get a close-up look at what makes a steam ferry run.

**HERCULES ENGINEERING TOUR**  
*Sundays, October 16, November 6 and December 4, 2PM. Meet at the gangway on the Pier. Vessel admission. Tour includes climbing moderately steep ladders and entering cramped spaces.*  
Explore the major engineering spaces and learn about steam engine technology and its effects on the working environment of the marine steam engineer.

**THE OCEAN: BARRIER OR HIGHWAY?**  
*Sundays, October 2 and November 13 at 2PM, and December 11, at 3PM. In the Visitor Center. No fee.*  
Was the ocean a barrier or a highway for the vessels Balclutha, Thayer and Hercules? Join a ranger for a thirty minute slide presentation to examine this question.

**BIRDS OF THE BAY**  
*Sundays, October 23, November 13 and December 11, 9:30AM-11:30AM. Meet at the Hyde Street Pier entrance. No fee.*  
See shore, migratory, citified and resident birds on this birdwalk. Bring binoculars, bird books and dress in layers.

**LIFE IN NELSON'S NAVY**  
*Saturdays, October 1, November 5 and December 3, 2PM. In the Visitor Center theater. No fee.*  
View a slide show about life in the British Royal Navy at the time of Nelson, featuring period food, clothing and surgical instruments.

**FROM THE ARCHIVES: A MARITIME PERSPECTIVE ON THE 1906 EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE**  
*Saturday, November 12, 2PM. In the Visitor Center theater. No fee.*  
Join a ranger for a powerpoint presentation about the role of ships in the aftermath of the 1906 earthquake and fire.

**SHIP RADIO DEMONSTRATION**  
*Saturdays, October 29 and November 26, 10AM-12PM AND 1-4PM. In the Maritime Museum. No fee.*  
Inside a replica WWII ship's radio room, docents interpret the technology and explain the vital role ship's radio operators played. They will also send a real radiogram message for you to anywhere in the United States!

## COSTUMED LIVING HISTORY

**A DAY IN THE LIFE: 1901**  
*Saturdays, November 12, 10AM-4PM and December 10 (See Holiday Event listing).*  
Aboard the historic vessels. Vessel admission. Stop in at the Ark houseboat and visit with Mrs. Galan at her informal salon. On board the Balclutha, the Living History crew will be going aloft to set the topsail and they'll need your help on deck with the staysail. Join the crew in a song at the afternoon "Dogwatch," (a shortened or "docked watch") on the forehatch.

## IN THE LIBRARY

**TALL SHIPS OF SAN FRANCISCO**  
*Saturday, October 22, 6PM. In the Maritime Library, Building E, Fort Mason Center. Fee: \$4 (\$3 Library Friends and SFMNPA) Reservations: 415-561-7040.*

Maritime Historian Steve Priske will narrate a one hour slide show featuring a newly-discovered collection of over 1,500 vintage photographs of the San Francisco fleet of the nineteenth century, including the *Western Shore*, the only clipper ever built on the West Coast.

**SAN FRANCISCO'S ROLE IN EARLY GLOBALIZATION**  
*Saturday, November 19, 6PM. In the Maritime Library, Building E, Fort Mason Center. Fee: \$4 (\$3 Library Friends and SFMNPA) Reservations: 415-561-7040.*  
Dr. Timothy Lynch, assistant professor of Maritime History at California Maritime Academy, will look at San Francisco's role in the development of America's place in the global economy in the 19th century.

## SMALL BOAT SHOP

*These classes are held at the Small Boat Shop on Hyde Street Pier. For information call 415-556-4031.*



**MARITIME COLOR SKETCHBOOK**  
*Saturday, October 8, 9AM-4PM. Fee: \$55.*  
Develop a simple sketch from the park's stunning waterfront views, then spend the day exploring a variety of techniques to add color and shading. Get tips on how to render boats and mix a maritime color palette, along with demonstrations on painting water surfaces and reflections. Individual and group critiques. Media: watercolor and color pencils. All levels welcome. For more information call 415-561-6662 ext. 30.

**SMALL CRAFT COLLECTION TOUR**  
*Saturday, October 15, 9:30AM-2:30PM. Meet at the Small Boat Shop. No fee.*  
Bring a bag lunch and ride with us over to our small craft warehouse in Alameda. We'll tour the collection of nearly 100 local historic boats, discussing interesting elements of their history, design and construction.

**WOODEN BOAT REPAIR METHODS**  
*Monday through Friday, October 10-15. Fee: \$600.*  
Figure out what's wrong and how to fix it. Working on three "patient" boats, students will first conduct a survey and disassemble the boats. Students will then make back-bone repairs such as steambend frames, fit and bevel sawn frames, fit floor timbers, scarf repairs into keels, repair or replace stems, transoms, and planks. In addition, the instructor will demonstrate and share tips on tools and sharpening, woods, fastenings, caulking, bedding, priming & painting. For more information call Rich Hilsinger at WoodenBoat School, 207-359-4651.

**AN INTRODUCTION TO BOATBUILDING**  
*Monday through Friday, October 17-22. Fee: \$600.*  
Students will build a 15' Karl Stambaugh Bay Skiff utilizing marine plywood and epoxy, using a modified glue-and-screw type construction. Students will go step-by-step through the building stages. Discussions will focus on small craft design, setting up a one-man shop, proper hand and power tool usage and more. No prior boatbuilding

experience required. For more information call Rich Hilsinger at WoodenBoat School, 207-359-4651.

## MODELMAKING

**MODELERS' CLUB**  
*Saturdays, October 15, November 19 and December 10, 9:30AM. Meet in the Museum Building basement. No fee.*  
The model ship building club meets the third Saturday of every month in the basement of the Maritime Museum. A model ship building class will be offered in 2006. For information, johnkowalla@comcast.net.

**MODELERS' WORKSHOP**  
*Saturdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; November 5, 12 and 19; December 3, 10 and 17. On the car deck of the Eureka. Vessel admission.*  
John Kowalla hosts the Modelers' Workshop on the car deck of the Eureka. The public is invited to stop by and watch the modelers in action. Special visits can be arranged by contacting John at johnkowalla@comcast.net.

## VOLUNTEERS

**HANDS NEEDED**  
Interested in woodwork, rigging, working with the public, library science or archives? Have we got the perfect challenge for you! Call the Volunteer Office at 415-556-1613 or visit [www.nps.gov/safr/local/vip1.html](http://www.nps.gov/safr/local/vip1.html) and join the crew!



## AGE OF SAIL

The San Francisco Maritime National Park Associations' award-winning education program, Age of Sail, is now booking programs for the school year. These programs offer hands-on, student-centered learning, and take place aboard the park's historic vessels at Hyde Street Pier. Students develop skills in historical reasoning, critical thinking, teamwork and problem-solving. The staff uses role-playing and problem solving activities to teach California history. Programs range in cost from \$25 to \$62 per student. For more information call Lucas Lineback at 415-567-4653, [ageofsail@maritime.org](mailto:ageofsail@maritime.org) or [www.maritime.org/nmmaedu](http://www.maritime.org/nmmaedu).

## WWII SUBMARINE USS PAMPANITO

*Open daily. At Pier 45, Fisherman's Wharf. Fee: adults, \$9; 6-12, \$4; under 6 free with adult; over 62, \$5; active duty military, \$4; family ticket, \$20. Information: 415-775-1943.*  
The Balao-class USS Pampanito (SS-383), a museum and memorial operated by the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association, made six patrols in the Pacific during World War II. Admission includes a self-guided audio tour.



# Today In The Park

# OCTOBER

- 1 Chantey Sing  
Life in Nelson's Navy  
Weigh Anchor  
Model Shop open
- 2 The Ocean: Barrier or Highway?
- 4 Association Oyster Challenge
- 8 Maritime Sketchbook class  
Model Shop open  
Fleet Weekend
- 9 Fleet Weekend
- 10 Wooden Boat class begins
- 15 Music of the Sea for Kids  
Weigh Anchor  
Small Craft Collection Tour  
Modelers' Club & Shop open  
Sea Music Concert
- 16 *Hercules* Engineering Tour

- 17 Intro to Boatbuilding class begins  
22 Especially for Kids:  
    A Sailor's Life  
    *Eureka* Engine Room Tour  
    Weigh Anchor  
    Model Shop open  
    Tall Ships of San Francisco  
23 Birds of the Bay  
29 Model Shop open  
    Weigh Anchor  
    Ship Radio Demonstration  
    Association Heritage Awards  
30 To the Gold Fields By Sea

# NOVEMBER

- 5 Chantey Sing  
Model Shop open  
Life in Nelson's Navy  
Weigh Anchor  
6 Singing Tour of *Balclutha*

- Hercules Engineering Tour*
- 12 From the Archives: 1906 Earthquake  
Costumed Living History  
    A Day in the Life: 1901  
Weigh Anchor  
Model Shop open  
Sea Music Concert
- 13 Birds of the Bay  
    The Ocean: Barrier or Highway?
- 19 Music of the Sea for Kids  
    *Eureka* Engine Room Tour  
Weigh Anchor  
Modelers' Club & Shop open  
SF's Role in Early Globalization
- 20 Pleasure Afloat  
    Born Again: The Many Lives of  
        the Schooner *C.A. Thayer*
- 26 Weigh Anchor  
    Ship Radio Demonstration
- 27 To the Gold Fields By Sea

## DECEMBER

- 3 Chantey Sing  
Weigh Anchor  
Life in Nelson's Navy  
Model Shop open
- 4 Singing Tour of *Balclutha*  
*Hercules* Engineering Tour
- 9 Sea Music Concert
- 10 Christmas at Sea  
Modelers' Club & Shop open
- 11 Birds of the Bay  
Pleasure Afloat  
The Ocean: Barrier or Highway?
- 17 Music of the Sea for Kids  
Model Shop open  
Weigh Anchor
- 18 Born Again: The Many Lives of  
the Schooner *C.A. Thayer*
- 24 Weigh Anchor
- 31 Weigh Anchor

# Fun and Education for Younger Sailors

This is a special section of the *Maritime News* just for kids. Listed below are some opportunities at the park to create maritime crafts, to sing like a sailor and to become a Junior Ranger!

**SATURDAYS ARE  
FOR KIDS AT HYDE  
STREET PIER**  
Look for other special  
kids' activities on the  
program board next to  
the ticket booth on Hyde  
Street Pier.

**WEIGH ANCHOR**  
*Every Saturday in October, November and December (except October 8 and December 10), 3PM.*  
*On Hyde Street Pier.*  
*No fee.*

On board ship, sailors use the capstan to help them lift heavy objects such as the ship's anchor.

Join us for a hands-on demonstration of the power of that machine. In this maritime version of tug-of-war, it's children against adults: the kids use the capstan to try to reel in a line as their parents pull the other way! Who will win?

**DORY DRILL**  
*Saturdays, call the day before for time, 415-447-5000. On Hyde Street Pier. No fee.*  
Grab a line and help raise and lower our little flat-bottomed row boat from the side of the pier in this hands-on demonstration

of maritime teamwork. You'll walk away with a knowledge of basic line handling and a sea chantey ringing in your ears.



**Students learn how to raise the staysail on *Balclutha*. Photo: NPS.**

**ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS: A SAILOR'S LIFE**  
*Saturday, October 22 (Signal Flag Necklace), 1:30PM. Meet at Hyde Street Pier entrance. No fee.*

**Signal Flag Necklace**  
Before radio and satellite communication, when ship's crews needed to send messages to land and to other ships, they hoisted signal flags up the masts. It was a splendid display of color and design. You can make your own colorful necklace that spells your name out of paper signal flags.

**MUSIC OF THE SEA FOR KIDS**  
*Saturdays, October 15, November 19 and  
 December 17, 2PM. Aboard Balclutha at Hyde  
 Street Pier. Vessel admission.*

History comes alive in this special program where the songs are geared for younger ears and chosen especially for fun.

**JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM: NEW AND IMPROVED!**  
Pick up the FREE and newly improved booklet and explore the park's historic ships. By completing the activities you will learn about seafaring history, become a steward of the national parks (a steward is one who takes care of parks) and earn a Junior Ranger badge! Booklets are available at the Visitor Center,

Pier ticket booth and Maritime Museum.  
Good luck and have lots of fun!

**OCEANFILM FEST SCHOOL PROGRAM**  
*Thursday, October 27, 9:30AM -2PM. At Hyde Street Pier.*  
A variety of activities for 4th and 5th graders will take place on the pier with films shown in the visitor center. Organizers include SF Maritime and the Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association. For information contact [Tim\\_Campbell@nps.gov](mailto:Tim_Campbell@nps.gov).

# At the Park Association

12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHUCK AND SWALLOW  
OYSTER CHALLENGE  
*Tuesday, October 4, 5-8PM. West Plaza in  
Ghirardelli Square. \$25 per person, proceeds  
benefit the Association. Call 415-561-6662 x11  
for more information.*

Compete to shuck and eat as many oysters as possible in ten minutes! The current record is just under 200. The judges' panel includes members of the Association. Sterling James from Alice@97.3 (KLLC-FM) will be returning as this years' Master of Ceremonies. Immediately following the event, a variety of oysters will be available for tasting, along with an assortment of wines in McCormick & Kuleto's private function room.

6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MARITIME HERITAGE AWARDS GALA AND AUCTION  
*Saturday, October 29. Historic Building 1, Treasure Island. Reservations required. Call 415-561-6662 x11 for details.*

The Association's 6th annual Maritime Heritage Awards gala will be held at the beautiful and historic 1939 World's Fair Art Deco building located on Treasure Island. This year's award recipients, Senator Dianne Feinstein and Representative Nancy Pelosi, have been dedicated and tireless supporters of efforts to preserve the *Balclutha* and *C.A. Thayer*. The funds raised at our gala help to ensure the on-going restoration of these vessels as well as support education programs the Association conducts aboard the *Balclutha* and *Alma*.

